



Photos by 1st Lt. David Ware

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche (left), addresses the Hurlburt Field community during a SECAF Call Wednesday. Base members filled Commando Hangar (above) to hear what Secretary Roche discussed.

SECAF visits Hurlburt, applauds Air Commando spirit

by Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller
AFSOC Public Affairs

The 20th Secretary of the Air Force visited the Air Force Special Operations Command community here, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. James Roche made his second visit to the AFSOC team in less than a year, to see some of the command's innovation projects aimed at technological enhancements.

While here, Doctor Roche toured the Eglin Range on board an MH-53 Pave Low from the 20th Special Operations Squadron, and took a flight with the 4th Special Operations Squadron on board an AC-130U.

The Air Force's senior civilian leader also visited the

U.S. Air Force Special Operations School and the 6th Special Operations Squadron.

The secretary gathered the base community together for an informal "Secretary Call" in the Commando Hangar. In a space usually reserved for AC-130 Gunships, Secretary Roche gave the packed-in crowd an overview of the Air Force before opening the event to questions.

The secretary said as a small command, the AFSOC team has the opportunity to make changes happen rapidly – improving everything from weapons systems to policies and procedures.

"Air Commandos lead the way in innovative thinking," the secretary told the crowd. "You are not only changing the weapons (systems), but you are also changing the way people think."

Secretary Roche also helped Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, with a surprise event during the hangar gathering. Two 16th Special Operations Wing airmen left the hangar with new ranks, promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performance program.

Then Staff Sgt. Chris Labbe, 6th SOS, and Staff Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, 16th Mission Support Squadron, were called on stage under the guise of answering questions. Once there, General Hester promoted each to technical sergeant, with Secretary Roche presenting them E-6 stripes.

Before heading back to Washington, D.C., Secretary Roche made a final stop at the 720th Special Tactics Group for an update briefing on initiatives and technology updates the group is pursuing.

News

Installation Excellence

As of today there are **19 days** left before the Installation Excellence Selection Board members arrive at Hurlburt Field. Base members are reminded to keep their facilities neat and clean. To further assist with base preparations, the family support center will sponsor a base wide clean-up day Feb. 8. To volunteer, call Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533.

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MLK celebration

Base members remember work of Dr. King

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Two undefeated teams battle it out on the court

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**. I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Courtesy photo

Col. Frank Kisner, 16th Special Operations Wing commander (left), pins on senior airman stripes for an airman during a promotion ceremony at a forward deployed location.

Intersection concern

Comment: I'm concerned about the intersection coming from the back gate going into the base exchange and commissary parking lot.

Over the past few weeks I've been surprised by people making a left hand turn when there's a sign posted stating left hand turns aren't allowed.

I've had to break hard several times to keep from hitting the car in front of me that was turning and shouldn't have been.

I believe if the sign was moved closer

to the road people would notice it before considering such an action. The sign is currently located several yards back from the actual road.

I believe people who aren't familiar with the base don't realize they shouldn't be turning left because they missed seeing the sign.

Reply: The base civil engineer is working to establish a left turn lane at this location.

Unfortunately, the project wasn't awarded as part of the ongoing road improvements due to a lack of funds. As soon as funding becomes available for additional road improvements, we'll

take the necessary steps to install a turn lane at this location. In the meantime, the intersection will remain a "no left turn" situation due to safety concerns.

Regarding your suggestion to add additional signage, the signage was checked and is correctly placed in accordance with traffic regulations. Also, putting it closer to the road creates a driving hazard because if you were to swerve slightly off the road you could possibly hit the sign.

Motorists are reminded to maintain vigilance and drive carefully while we take steps to improve the flow of traffic at this location.

OPSEC: What exactly can I say?

by Senior Master Sgt. J.T. Turner
16th SOW Information Operations Office

If Operations Security (OPSEC) was an infomercial we'd all have some. But it's not and we don't. As a family member of the Special Operations community, you are a key player in the success of our mission. You can also ensure your safety and the safety of your loved ones by practicing good OPSEC.

I was recently at an unnamed local mall while my fiancée was getting her hair styled. I overheard a young lady tell her stylist that her husband was leaving again.

"I can't believe that; he just got back! When does he leave?"

"Friday! Early Friday morning."

"Where's he going this time?"

"Base X, the whole unit's going."

"What unit is he with again?"

I interrupted at this point, from the floor I might add. I asked for a time out here. Let's review what we've already learned. First of all, your husband and probably some other folks are leaving early Friday morning. He's headed for Base X along with the rest of his unit. Fortunately, for all of us, we didn't find out which unit because that would have given away even more critical information. And we learned that you and your kids are going to be home alone from Friday until whenever. Why would you jeopardize the safety of your deploying spouse and other members of his unit simply for the sake of conversation? Worse yet, why would jeopardize your own safety letting people know you'll be home alone? Could you have relayed the same information without giving away that much information?

Sure you could! Simply by speaking generally about what your spouse may be doing could have easily eliminated the chance some unsuspecting adversary knew any sensitive information. Next time try these non-specific references about deployments. My husband's deploying to the Middle East. He's leaving sometime next week. Of course, a lot of people are going.

A similar incident happened at a local eating establishment between a couple of GIs.

"Hey smith, I thought you were out of here"

"Not yet, Friday. We have to break down the choppers."

"Where are you headed now?"

"Base X. The whole unit's going. Taking all 5 birds."

"See you when you get back."

"Peace!"

Let's do the math again. Smith's leaving Friday. I think he's married to the lady having her hair done. Going out with the choppers. Hmm, how many chopper units are here? Whole unit's going; guess that means all the spouses will be home alone. How many birds are there in the chopper unit? You get the picture and so does the half a dozen other people who caught the conversation.

Chances are most of this information was unclassified. But with little or no classified information disclosed, a potential adversary could have easily pieced together a clear picture of a unit's mission and operations. Even worse, common criminals and thugs could easily have learned what families will be vulnerable over the next few months. Seems too easy doesn't it?

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NEWS



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Tree planting

Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander (left), Col. Mike McKenna, 16th Mission Support Group vice commander, and Traci Dewar, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, plant three Live Oak trees near the main gate Thursday as part of the 8th Annual Hurlburt Field Tree Planting Ceremony. The ceremony is held on Arbor Day, which is the third Friday in January.

Spotlight on ...



Lawrence Richards

Rank/Duty Title: Tech.

Sgt./Combat Aviation Advisor
NCO in charge Survival, Evasion,
Resistance and Escape Operations
Pacific Command Flight

Organization: 6th Special
Operations Squadron

Hometown: St. Paul, Minn.

Hobbies: Yard work and
wood work

Contribution to the mission:

While forward deployed, Sergeant Richards was the driving force behind the development of the Joint Task Force 510 Personnel Recovery Plan.

He organized a Joint PR working group to discuss important shortfalls to the plan, and spearheaded the revisions to streamline the PR planning procedures to ensure standardization between joint ground and air operations.

He assisted 87 aircrew members, many of which were non-swimmers, in the successful completion of a three-day water survival seminar.

(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

Air Commandos complete mission of mercy

by Master Sgt. Michael Farris
353rd SOG Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – Quick actions of three airmen helped save the life of a Japanese woman following a grisly auto accident outside Gate 3, Jan. 15.

While returning to Kadena from another military base about 4 p.m., three members of the 353rd Special Operations Group were stopped at a traffic light about a mile from the base.

"We heard tires squealing and then saw a dark blue Toyota Supra fishtailing through the intersection," said Tech Sgt Frank Hill, an MC-130H flight engineer with the 1st Special Operations Squadron. "I was pretty sure it wasn't going to hit any other cars when it smashed into the guard rail on the opposite side of the road."

Capt. Christian Lichter, an aircraft commander with the 1st SOS, said the car rode up onto the curb and the guardrail sliced the car from the door post to the back of the passenger door.

"It seemed as if a giant can opener peeled the car open from the passenger side," he said. "Frank and I immediately jumped out of the truck and ran across the street to assess the situation."

The driver appeared uninjured, but was shaking his front-seat passenger who was unresponsive and bleeding from the mouth.

Staff Sgt Michael Maroney, a pararescueman with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, pulled the military vehicle out of traffic and sprinted to the scene.

"We were coming home from Camp Hansen where we were completing a weapons-qualification course," Sergeant Maroney said. "Fortunately I had my medical ruck with me and was able to start treatment pretty quickly."

A female Japanese teenager was pinned between the dashboard and a guardrail post. Her breathing was shallow and her pulse was very weak. Her face was turning purple because a heavy parka was twisted around the guardrail post. According to Sergeant Hill, the car, the guardrail and the woman were so grotesquely intertwined it was difficult to discern where one ended and the other began.

Captain Lichter and Sergeant Maroney determined she needed to be cut loose from the jacket that threatened to strangle her.

"With my trauma scissors, I began cutting through the jacket," Sergeant Maroney said. "It was coiled around the post and very thick. At my angle, I couldn't make a lot of progress so I passed the scissors to Captain Lichter who had removed the driver and was kneeling in the driver's seat."

Captain Lichter said it was like cutting through rope.

"Her jacket and shirt were woven into

the wreckage and pinned her neck against the inside of the car," he said. "I cut through her clothes and around her neck as her face turned darker shades of purple."

"We couldn't see anything but this thick jacket and were concerned she might have more injuries," Sergeant Maroney said. "But knowing the ABC (airway, breathing circulation) basic life-saving fundamentals, we realized the futility of looking for further injury if she couldn't breathe."

Two workers from a nearby car dealership used a jack to help stabilize the crumpled Supra, which was teetering on the curb. After about 15 minutes, Japanese paramedics arrived and quickly delivered oxygen to the fading patient. Her pulse had stopped and blood continued to run from her mouth. A rescue crew also responded and brought the jaws-of-life to extract her from the car. By now traffic was snarled and

Sergeant Hill helped direct traffic around the scene.

"On several occasions cars slammed on their brakes and skidded to avoid rear-end collisions as drivers rubbernecked to get a glimpse of the scene," Sergeant Hill said.

After the ambulance raced away, three Air Commandos breathed a collective sigh.

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AIR FORCE NEWS

SECAF adds 'vector' to communications arsenal

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – “Surfers” of Air Force Link, the Air Force’s official Web site, found a new link Jan. 14 providing information straight from the Air Force’s senior leader.

Called “The Secretary’s Vector,” the location provides Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche with an immediate and direct line of communication with airmen, said William Bodie, director of Air Force communications at the Pentagon.

“Dr. Roche is an activist secretary of

the Air Force,” he said. “He shares with (Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. John Jumper a commitment to communicating with our people.”

The Secretary’s Vector is designed to help introduce and reinforce key elements of his vision and goes hand in hand with Jumper’s “Chief’s Sight Picture,” Mr. Bodie said.

The inaugural vector announces the first change to the Air Force’s core competencies since they were introduced in 1996. According to Mr. Bodie, this was not an accident.

“The secretary is continuously examining first principle questions and concepts,” he said. “He believes this vector

should focus on ‘core’ elements of the Air Force and his vision. As such, this subject fit like a glove.”

While the vector will be published as needed, rather than on a regularly scheduled basis, Mr. Bodie said its Internet format will dovetail perfectly into the secretary’s overall communication plan.

“In this digital age of high technology and information revolutions, Dr. Roche places a great emphasis on portfolios – a rich collection of elements that together create a complementary whole,” he said.

The Secretary’s Vector will underscore critical and broad themes about Air Force people, technologies and management concepts. Mr. Bodie said the vector

will also provide a framework for understanding many other products, such as base newspapers, Air Force Radio and Television News, the Air Force Policy Letter Digest and Commander’s Call Topics.

“Like General Jumper, Dr. Roche is a natural communicator with a passion for clear and concise language,” Mr. Bodie said. “He believes that our internal audience – officers and enlisted, civilian employees, Reserve and Guard members – are as important as any of our external audiences.”

“With such a full agenda, he knows you can never reinforce key messages too much,” Mr. Bodie said. (AFPN)

Some airlines waive ticket exchange fees

by Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Some U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members will not have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket change fees for service members on military deployment orders, while ticketing changes on Southwest Airlines are currently free, according to Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Continental, Frontier and Northwest Airlines waive change fees and also will issue refunds on request, she added.

Ms. Ward said particulars of these carriers’ programs can be viewed at the Defense Department’s military assistance program Web site and information from more airlines is expected to be added soon.

According to General Service Administration officials, a number of other airlines will waive ticket change penalties if servicemembers present copies of their military orders or a letter from their commanders, Ms. Ward said. The waiver procedures are official company policy for some carriers, but not all reserva-

tion or check-in people may know that. She suggested travelers call their airline for waiver information before going to the airport.

Much of the U.S. airline industry has been in a financial tailspin since Sept. 11, 2001, and have instituted or boosted penalties for customers who want new tickets because of missed flights or changes in their travel plans.

Military travelers became prime penalty targets on Oct. 7, 2001, when America launched its military offensive against global terrorism. Many thousands of active and reserve-component servicemembers already have been called up and deployed, Ms. Ward explained, and thousands more have been tapped for duty as part of the U.S. military buildup for a potential war against Iraq.

Questions were raised in late 2002 about the travel penalties faced by servicemembers called off leave for military operations.

At the DOD’s request, GSA officials queried City Pairs Program carriers – the contract carriers for government travelers – regarding ticket exchange penalties and waivers for the military, Ms. Ward said. Meanwhile, she added, Air Mobility Command officials pursued parallel inquiries and ultimately coordinated much of the discussion between the DOD and the airlines regarding waivers.

Information on the military assistance program Web site notes that the Army Emergency Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Air Force Aid Society may provide loans to cover unexpected expenses resulting when air carriers don’t waive fees or penalties.

Policies for changing reservations or travel plans vary across the travel industry, Ms. Ward explained, noting that Amtrak tickets, for example, can be changed without charge in most cases. Prearranged travel packages would be more difficult to alter.

“However, the travel issues related to short-term deployments are broader than changes in personal travel plans,” Ms. Ward said.

Certain military people, such as single and dual-military parents, are required to have family care plans for deployments, she noted, adding that these plans can involve sending children to distant family members or bringing a caretaker into the home.

DOD recommends servicemembers implementing plans that call for short-fused family travel ask their airline representative about special fares.

Military families whose care plans rely on other forms of transportation should check their carriers’ policies, Ms. Ward said. In any case, she noted, local military service relief societies might offer loans to cover these expenses. (AFPN)

Look who’s talking: How do you wind down at the end of the day?



“I turn on the television, eat dinner and relax.”

David McClelland
Family member



“I usually lie down for 20-minutes, get my energy back and visit with my family.”

Captain Jim Barger
16th Special Operations Wing



“Go home, watch television and sleep.”

Tamiko Staton
16th Mission Support Squadron

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"They called me Tuesday night and told me I had to fire on Wednesday," Sergeant Maroney said. "It was eerie how everything fell into place – how I had my ruck with me and how this accident happened right in front of us. Two minutes on either side and we would have missed it completely."

Sergeant Maroney, who's only been at Kadena for six months, recently returned from a three-week temporary duty ride-along program with New Orleans paramedics. The AFSOC-sponsored program ensures trauma skills of its pararescuemen stay sharp by sending them to the mean streets of America.

"My trauma skills are as sharp now as they've ever been," Sergeant Maroney said. "I felt very confident and knew exactly what had to be done at that accident site. The training paid off."

For Captain Lichter it was a rewarding way to spend his 33rd birthday.

"There's no such thing as a good accident," he said. "But when you can help someone out

who's in a life-or-death situation, it's not something you contemplate – you just do it. Once they pulled her out of the car, I realized she would probably live and my day got much better from then on."

While the group of Japanese bystanders watching the airman work said little, Sergeant Maroney said he could tell from their faces "they were grateful we were trying to help."

The SOG is in the midst of an Operational Readiness Exercise and most members have been working 12-hour shifts for the past week and a half.

"I was exhausted when I got home," Sergeant Hill said. "I had a long talk with my 11-year-old daughter about cruising around in cars. I was hungry, had a headache and just felt drained when the phone rang."

The Japanese police called Sergeant Hill to let him know the girl was taken to the Chubu Hospital. Although she was in the Intensive Care Unit, she was stabilized and, thanks to their efforts, given the best chance for a full recovery.

For three Kadena airmen who fought to save her life, those words validated their mission of mercy.

Special OPERATORS

The following people are Air Force Special Operations Command nominees for the 2002 Air Force-level Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award:

Aircraft field-grade manager –
Maj. John Devane, 16th
Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Aircraft company grade manager –
Capt. Harry Seibert, 16th
Component Maintenance Squadron

Aircraft supervisor manager –
Senior Master Sgt. Frank White,
16th CMS

Aircraft technician supervisor –

Staff Sgt. Andrew Hayes, 16th
EMS

Aircraft technician – Senior
Airman Heith Vierow, 352nd
Maintenance Squadron, RAF
Mildenhall, U.K.

Munitions supervisor manager
– **Master Sgt. David Bressler**,
16th EMS

Munitions technician supervisor
– **Tech. Sgt. George Meeker**, 16th
EMS

Munitions technician – Airman
1st Class Luke Woydziak, 16th
EMS

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The above examples actually happened.

I've been asked several times over the past year "What can I say?" The best way of knowing what you can say is to fully understand what can't be said.

For the active duty member here's some simple guidelines: Never discuss outside of "need to know" channels the identity of unit and personnel scheduled to deploy, location of deployed units and personnel, specific geographical locations of ongoing or future military operations, personal information about deployed members including names, home phone numbers, addresses, family members, and information concerning force protection of troops deployed or in garrison. Understand how this information not only affects you and your team mates but also your family here at home.

And how can your family help? Simply insist on your family's involvement with OPSEC, not only for your safety but theirs.

By being a military family member, you will be privy to certain bits of sensitive information, similar to those just mentioned. It's just as important that you don't discuss such information outside your immediate family or other military families. Never discuss this information over the phone or via electronic mail. Where and how you discuss this information is just as important as with whom you discuss it. It's very important to conceal and protect certain information about your departing loved ones. Never discuss

information concerning flight schedules, TDY locations or other base activities.

Americans have an insatiable thirst for knowledge and information. To quench the thirst, we drink from the fountain that flows from the Internet, television, electronic mail and the radio.

Proof? Twenty years ago, hardly anyone even knew Afghanistan was a country much less where it was. Now it's a word in your child's spelling bee.

Information gatherers have all made much of the participation of Special Forces in the Global War on Terrorism. Reporters from every form of media all over the world want to know where the Special Forces are and what they're doing.

As part of the Special Operations community, active duty, civilians, contractors, retirees and family members all have a role to play in the success of our mission. And although much of the information may not be classified, we have a collective obligation to protect information concerning our intentions, capabilities, operations and activities. Just remember, the enemies of freedom want that information and they're not just after the military member to get it. They want anyone and everyone including you, the family member.

OPSEC has to be applied to every activity, every time; it needs to be applied from mission planning to mission execution. If you have any questions concerning operations security, call your unit operations security program manager or the installation OPSEC officer, Senior Master Sgt. J.T. Turner, at 884-3442.

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Hurlburt Field has long list of 2002 courts-martial

Courtesy of 16th SOW Legal Office

Twenty-three courts-martial were held at Hurlburt Field during 2002, 21 resulting in convictions. This was the sixth busiest courts-martial docket of any installation in the Air Force.

Below is a complete list of courts-martial held at Hurlburt Field during 2002:

Jan. 4, 2002 Airman 1st Class Samuel Miracle, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron, was convicted of wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana, and absence without leave terminated by apprehension. Airman Miracle was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge, two years and six months confinement, and reduction to E-1.

Jan. 25, 2002 Airman Basic Ashontia Harrow, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, was convicted of signing an official statement with intent to deceive, larceny of insurance proceeds, theft of services, AWOL, making a false official statement, dishonorably failing to pay debts, and murdering her daughter by shaking and throwing her. Airman Harrow was sentenced to total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, 25 years confinement, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

Feb. 2, 2002 Airman Brian Schumann, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was convicted of wrongful use of ecstasy, desertion, breaking restriction to base, and writing checks without sufficient funds. Airman Schumann was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 18 months confinement, reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Feb. 7, 2002 Senior Airman Joshua Schmetzer, 16th EMS, was convicted of wrongful use of marijuana, ecstasy, and cocaine, wrongful distribution of ecstasy, and breaking restriction to base. Airman Schmetzer was sentenced to a Dishonorable Discharge, confinement for two years, reduction to E-1 and a reprimand.

Feb. 12, 2002 Airman 1st Class Kevin Dotson, 16th Communications Squadron, was convicted of wrongful use of marijuana and ecstasy. Airman Dotson was sentenced to six months confinement, reduction to E-1, and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for six months.

Feb. 26, 2002 Airman 1st Class Brant Vollendorf, 16th CMS, was convicted of carnal knowledge with a child under the age of 16, sodomy of a child under the age of 16, and providing alcohol to a child under the age of 16. Airman Vollendorf was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 12 months confinement, reduction to E-1, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

March 5, 2002 Airman 1st Class Jacob McAfee, 16th CMS, was convicted of wrongful use of marijuana and

wrongful possession of marijuana. Airman McAfee was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 30 days confinement, reduction to E-1, and forfeiture of \$737 for one month.

March 6, 2002 Airman 1st Class Begondae Moore, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was convicted of larceny from the main exchange at Hurlburt Field. Airman Moore was sentenced to confinement for four months, reduction to E-1, and forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for three months.

March 22, 2002 Airman Basic Robert Olson Jr., 16th EMS, was convicted of wrongful attempted possession of ecstasy. Airman Olson was sentenced to hard labor without confine-



ment for three months, and restriction to Hurlburt Field for two months.

May 14, 2002 Airman 1st Class from 16th EMS, was acquitted on charges of possession of ecstasy.

July 8, 2002 Airman 1st Class Christopher Brown, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, was convicted of failure to go, and wrongful use of marijuana. Airman Brown was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, six months confinement, forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for six months, and reduction to E-1.

July 17, 2002, Airman Basic Robert French, 334th Training Squadron, was convicted of wrongful use of ecstasy, wrongful use of marijuana, and wrongful possession of ecstasy. Airman French was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge and five months confinement.

July 18, 2002, Staff Sgt. Charles Schultz, 16th CMS, was convicted of AWOL terminated by apprehension. Sergeant Schultz was sentenced to reduction to E-1 and 142 days confinement.

July 31, 2002, Airman Basic Carrick Green, 334th TRS, was convicted of wrongful attempted possession of ecstasy, wrongful possession of ecstasy, and wrong-

ful use of marijuana. Airman Green was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, 45 days confinement, and forfeiture of \$737 pay per month for two months.

Aug. 8, 2002 Airman Basic Robert Cabato, 334th TRS, was convicted of wrongful use of ecstasy and wrongful possession of ecstasy. Airman Cabato was sentenced to confinement for eight months, and forfeiture of two-thirds pay for eight months.

Aug. 20, 2002 Airman 1st Class Robert Ramos, 334th TRS, was convicted of attempted possession of ecstasy, wrongful use of ecstasy, and willfully committing indecent acts with a female under the age of 18 while allowing himself to be videotaped in the presence of a third party. Airman Ramos was sentenced to confinement for two years, total forfeitures, reduction to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Aug. 21, 2002 Airman 1st Class Timothy Lavelle, 334th TRS, was convicted of wrongful use of cocaine and ecstasy. Airman Lavelle was sentenced to a reduction to E-1, confinement for five months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Sept. 5, 2002 Airman 1st Class Charles Burton, 334 TRS, was convicted of wrongful use of ecstasy and marijuana, wrongfully committing an indecent act with Airman Basic Robert Ramos and a female under the age of 18 years by videotaping Airman Basic Robert Ramos engaging in sodomy with this female. Airman Burton was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction to E-1, confinement for six months, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Dec. 6, 2002 Airman 1st Class Charles Martin, 16th EMS, was convicted of wrongful use of cocaine. Airman Martin was sentenced to reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for six months, restriction to base for two months, hard labor without confinement for two months, and confinement for four months.

Dec. 12, 2002 Airman 1st Class Joshua Esterline, 16th Security Forces Squadron, was convicted of wrongful use of cocaine, distribution of cocaine, and possession of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD). Airman Esterline was sentenced to 10 months confinement, a Bad Conduct Discharge, and reduction to E-1.

Dec. 19, 2002, Tech. Sgt. Richard Maune, 19th Special Operations Squadron, was convicted of attempted wrongful appropriation of more than \$500, wrongful appropriation, and forgery. Sergeant Maune was sentenced to a reduction to E-3 and confinement for eight months.

Dec. 30, Airman 1st Class Nicholas Mallet, 16th EMS, was convicted of wrongful use of cocaine. Airman Mallet was sentenced to a Bad Conduct Discharge, confinement for one year, and reduction to E-1.

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FEATURE

Committee shows reverence for accomplishments of King



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Jones, former 16th Special Operations Wing command chief, gives a speech Jan. 16 at a service commemorating the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by Airman 1st Class Heidi Sawyer
Public Affairs

The Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee held a commemorative service Jan. 16, 11:15 a.m. at the Hurlburt Field base theater.

The theme of the service was "Living the Dream," to remember Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech he gave in 1963.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Jones, former 16th Special Operations Wing command chief and now the minister for "Striving for Perfection Ministries," was the service's guest speaker.

The service began with the posting of the Colors by the retired Thunderbirds Native American Color Guard. Airman 1st Class Teddy Sim, 16th Communications Squadron, sang the National Anthem as everyone in the auditorium from airman to colonel as well as civilians stood at the position of attention and watched the Thunderbirds post the flags.

Airman Sim's rendition of the National Anthem echoed throughout the room.

After the flags were posted, and the

Thunderbirds took their seats, Deacon Walter Richardson with the base chapel led everyone in prayer. Mr. Richardson touched on the importance of honoring the accomplishments of Dr. King and his commitment to realizing his dream. Mr. Richardson also said a special prayer for the U.S. troops deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and their efforts to keep the American dream alive.

Proceeding the invocation, Capt. Rock Rockenbauch, 16th Medical Support Group, who was the master of ceremony, acknowledged the distinguished visitors, who took time to honor one of the 20th Century's most influential orators.

Senior Airman Daretha Jefferson, 16th CS, took to the stage and sang "A Change Will Come." With fists clenched and held close to her heart, Airman Jefferson gave an enlightening history lesson about the everyday struggles of an African-American in the city streets. The song was about a hope for change in the midst of discrimination and racial persecution during the civil rights movement.

Mr. Jones took to the podium after the completion of the song to give a brief speech about the accomplishments of Dr. King, and how Americans today need to

keep his dreams alive.

Mr. Jones began his speech by recalling the day 39 years ago when Dr. King spoke to more than 100,000 people of all races and ages on the grounds in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"The people came to cash their checks. The Constitution held the Promissory Note for Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. But the Bank of Justice made out a bad check – insufficient funds," Mr. Jones paraphrased from Dr. King's speech.

Mr. Jones emphasized several times throughout his speech the importance of not forgetting the past.

"We must not forget or ignore. It would allow history to repeat itself. History is watching and still recording," he said.

To bring Dr. King's speech closer to home, Mr. Jones compared the persistence and determination of Dr. King and other civil rights movement activists to the efforts made by our troops in the struggles of war.

Mr. Jones said, "They're symbolic shadows on hallowed ground of other great American heroes on base." However, he stressed the importance of not having one's attention diverted, by the war or societal issues, from the accomplishments made by Dr. King and others like him.

"Don't become complacent in efforts," he said. "Be a change agent – go back (to the squadrons, churches and communities) and raise the bar of expectations. Refuse mediocrity when living the dream," he continued.

Dr. King's dreams were based on the ideals and religion of our founding fathers, the struggles of his fellow African-Americans since the time of slavery and the hope for a better future for his children, Mr. Jones said.

Dr. King's ultimate dream was the freedom for all African-Americans. He wanted equal opportunities in employment, salary and everyday rights. He reasoned that these rights were written in the Constitution for all to enjoy, since "all men (were) created equal."

Mr. Jones continued to explain that with a dream comes responsibility. He recalled Dr. King's words when Dr. King said that without the arrests, police dogs, bruises and sit-ins, the "black and white restroom arrows would still exist."

With the audience sitting still and

locked on his every word, Mr. Jones continued to speak of Dr. King's dreams for "freedom, change and the desire for all to know a merciful God, who cares for all – regardless of race."

In closing his speech, Mr. Jones left the audience with words that best summed up the reason for Dr. King's decade-long efforts toward equality. "Diversity across the board is a resource to be enjoyed – not a problem to be resolved."

After Mr. Jones spoke his last word, the entire auditorium stood to their feet with applause. After the crowd took to their seats, Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th SOW vice commander, took to the stage to say a few words.

"(Mr. Jones) has passion in his work and integrity in what he says. He has dedication to the same cause (as Dr. King)," he said. "A lot of gratitude, but a small gift," he said, as he presented a book about the life of Dr. King on behalf of the wing.

After the presentation, four of the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee members recited King's "I Have A Dream" speech, ending his most famous words, "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we're free at last."

To close out the service, Tech. Sgt. Beverly Butler, 16th SOW, led the audience in "Lift Every Voice and Sing." It served as a reminder to all African-Americans during the time of the civil rights movement to keep pressing on until freedom was granted.

The service was made possible through the planning and execution of committee members and several organizations on base. Pamela Coleman, committee chairman, said the mission of the service was to make sure "Americans of all colors understood the importance of Dr. King's influence in the civil rights movement."

Although regarded as one of the 20th Century's most influential people, Dr. King is most remembered for his policy of nonviolent protest during the civil rights movement, according to the 7th edition of the Gale Group African-American Almanac.

Ronald Reagan best sums up the character of Dr. King when he said, "A leader, once convinced a particular course of action is the right one, must have the determination to stick with it and be undaunted when the going gets rough."

LIFESTYLE

Military

Hurlburt Top 3 meeting

All senior NCOs and master sergeant selects assigned to Hurlburt Field are invited to join the next Hurlburt Top 3 meeting at 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at the enlisted hooch. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Brinkley at 884-8422 or Master Sgt. David Ceurvels at 4-8443.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. The 16th Special Operations Wing Military Equal Opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organization, preparation and support for the observance period. Currently, there are no officers or appointed positions held, and the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer need to be filled. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-8746.

NCOA meeting

The Hurlburt Field Commando Non-commissioned Officer Association chapter holds its monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. in J.R. Rockers' Daytona Room. Each member is requested to attend and bring a friend or another member. Topics to be discussed are upcoming base and community events and other general discussions on membership. Along with the monthly meeting the chapter is currently undergoing a membership recall to get past local area members back in the association. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995 or retired Chief Master Sgt. John Greer at 939-6659.

Deployment custodians

According to Air Force Manual 23-110, commanders have the responsibility of ensuring equipment under their control is deployed properly. Commanders and equipment custodians are to ensure appointment of deployment custodians for the equipment involved and identify the newly appointed custodians to the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron Equipment Liaison Office (formerly base supply) for training. Training classes are held every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the LRS Building 90710.

Primary/alternate and deployed equipment custodians are required to:

- Retain responsibility for deployed equipment until the equipment is returned to home station, and/or accountability has been transferred to the gaining base/deployed location.

- Act as a single point of contact in the deploying organization about equipment matters for the losing/gaining base ELO.

- Ensure that the selection of items for deployment is coordinated with home station ELO.

- Ensure that all deployment listings/transfer documents are in their possession before actual departure.

- Record/document all equipment gains/losses that occur enroute/during/after the deployment for home station primary/alternate custodians.

- Deployed custodians/commanders ensure report of survey for equipment lost, damaged or destroyed at the deployed location and forwarded to the home station custodian for account update.

○ Inventory after return from deployment and provide custodian verification of all returned assets.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Margie Lusher at 884-6910 or Staff Sgt. Gina Carr at 884-7316.

Community

Hurlburt Field clean-up

Hurlburt Field, in conjunction with being nominated for the commander-in-chief's Installation Excellence Award, is having a base clean-up day on Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should gather at the family support center for clean-up assignments. A picnic will follow the clean-up activities at the community park pavillion behind the child development center. For more information or to sign up, call Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533.

Surviving debt briefing

Back by popular demand is the "Surviving Debt" seminar by Tom Snyder, Hurlburt Field financial advisor, at the Airman Leadership School auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 13. Topics covered in the seminar will be dealing with debt collectors, credit ratings explained, which debts to pay first, when to refinance, bankruptcy, bill consolidation, claiming the correct tax exemptions and other applicable topics. Reservations are required, and can be obtained by calling 884-5441. For more information, call Mr. Snyder at 884-6100.

Overpass closure

The pedestrian overpass across U.S. Highway 98 and associated ramps will close for repairs and painting soon. Estimated time for the completion of this project is 60 days. Barricades will be installed to remind people of the closure. For more information, call Gary Ross at 884-7524.

Medical delay message

The 96th and 16th Medical Groups are actively engaged in fighting the global war on terrorism and will support future contingencies. As a result, some people have experienced delays in getting seen by doctors. The groups' priority is to take care of their beneficiaries, and they'll continue to do so. However, present deployments have caused some changes to their services. The medical staff is working to overcome any shortfalls, and would like to thank people in advance for their patience.

Black History Month

Duke Field kicks off Black History Month events Feb. 1-2. For details on events, call Tech. Sgt. Teresa Franklin at 883-6550 or 543-3647.

Hap Arnold scholarship

The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant program awards \$1,500 grants to: children of active duty; Air National Guard/Reservists on extended active duty; ANG performing full-time active duty; retired Reservists with 20 or more qualifying years of service; spouses (residing stateside) of active duty; Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased members. For more information, call the Air Force Aid Society at 884-2949 or visit the Web site at www.afas.org.

Hurlburt Field Chapel 884-7795



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

Religious Education:

September– May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:30 a.m. (traditional),

12:45 p.m. (Gospel)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin

Chapel Center

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of

each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel

Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday – (R) "Die Another Day," starring Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry – Bond is on the trail of new villains – the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. Along the way, Bond crosses paths with Jinx and Miranda Frost, before following Graves to his lair in Iceland: a palace built entirely of ice.

Saturday – (PG) "Treasure Planet," animated – The tale of fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins, who joins the crew of an intergalactic expedition as a cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship's cook, a charismatic cyborg named John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance and shows the makings of a fine "spacer" as he and the alien crew battle supernovas.

Sunday – (R) "Analyze That," starring Robert DeNiro and Lisa Kudrow – the story picks up where the original left off, with Paul Vitti being let out of prison. He again hooks up with therapist Ben Sobel, who may need more psychological help now than his mobster patient, as the burden of taking over his deceased father's practice is making him just crazy enough to have another wacky adventure with his wife and his emotionally distraught mobster companion.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday – (PG-13) "Solaris," starring George Clooney and Steven Soderbergh – A psychologist arrives at a space station only to find that his liaison there is dead. The man, head of an expedition to an ocean world below known as Solaris, died mysteriously, and with his death come other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Eight Crazy Nights," starring Adam Sandler and Kevin Nealon – Davey is lurching down a wayward path. He's facing prison when Whitey proposes that Davey work with him at the community center as a referee for the local basketball league. But the true test is whether Davey can rise above his destructive habits.

Sunday – (PG-13) "The Hot Chick," starring Rob Schneider and Rachel McAdams – A "popular yet mean-spirited" teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she's always been.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled playdates.)

Community

Extra child care

Deploying servicemembers and their families are now entitled to 16 hours per child of extended duty childcare upon the deployed member's return. For details, people can visit www.af.mil/news/Sep2002/90902265.shtml. For more information, call Erica Charity at 884-2168.

Recycling facility closed

Due to new construction, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility on Ready Avenue in Fort Walton Beach is closed to local residents until March 3. For more information, call Jim Reece at 651-7395.

ALS instructor candidates

The Hurlburt Field Airman Leadership School is looking for a dedicated, motivated, fired-up person to fill an instructor position. ALS instructors conduct instruction as outlined on Air Force directives including:

- Prepare for instruction through group review and self-study. Prepare facility, classroom and auditorium for instruction.

- Maintain lesson plans, textbooks, test and measurement devices, student workbooks, handouts and lesson aids.

- Use instructional aids and training equipment in support of lesson plan objectives.

- Supervise, counsel, evaluate, and advise students.

Administer examinations, maintain student records and document student actions.

- Receive training and train instructors.

- Coordinate and conduct panels, exercises, and other ceremonial duties to enhance learning.

- Assist with in- and out-processing and graduation tasks.

Qualifications: Applicants must be staff sergeants or selects, with an associates degree or higher, SPECAT guide item number six. For more information, call Master Sgt. Shelina Frey at 884-6255.

Trespass Notice

The 16th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms section reminds people not to trespass on the firing ranges and impact areas located off RED HORSE Road. Trespassing is dangerous because of gunfire hazards. People must have clearance to enter the range and impact area. For more information, call 884-7520 or 884-7205.

Science fair

Judges are needed to participate in the regional science fair Feb. 4 at the Okaloosa County Fairgrounds. Volunteers with disciplines in the following areas are needed by Monday: behavioral science, biochemistry, botany, health and medicine, microbiology, zoology, chemistry, earth and space, engineering, math, computers, physics and more. To volunteer, call 2nd Lt. James Madeiros or Shirley Pigott at 882-3931.

Free spouse makeovers

Hurlburt Field spouses are invited to the second-annual Hearts Apart Valentine's Spouses Spa Day Feb.

15 at the family support center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the event, spouses can enjoy the trade of local beauty consultants who will come to the FSC and provide a pedicure, lip and hand treatment, skin care regimen and a glamour makeover for free, all while spouses are served delicacies while relaxing and mingling with others.

This event is limited to the first 50 spouses who sign-up. Reservations must be made by Feb. 11 by calling 884-5441. Pre-arranged childcare is strongly advised.

Classes

Moms, Pops and Tots

An informal format for moms, pops and their young children to meet other parents and allow their children to interact with other children. Meetings are every Tuesday at the family support center for children birth to two-years-old and every Wednesday for children two to four from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information on FSC classes or to sign-up, call 884-5441.

HAWC classes

For more information on Health and Wellness Center classes, call 884-4412.

Eating Heart Healthy – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Lean On Me – Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Diabetic Follow-up – Tuesday, 3 p.m.

Lean, Healthy Eating – Jan. 31, 11 a.m.

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SPORTS

Supply serves AMXS first loss of season

Both teams went to court previously undefeated

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

The 16th Supply Squadron intramural basketball team issued the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron its first defeat of the season Tuesday 67-62. Both Supply and AMXS went into the match with no losses.

Supply started strong, sinking easy lay-ups and building a 17-7 lead. AMXS responded, closed the gap and matched Supply point-for-point, entering half-time at a 32-29 deficit.

Both teams fought viciously for the lead in the second half, but Supply steadily pulled ahead. Anthony Biela sunk several three-point shots for AMXS in the final minutes of the game, scaling down Supply's lead, but it wasn't enough, and Supply went home with the win.

Biela hit eight three-point shots during the game, and brought his team a total of 28 points.

Supply's George Hines sunk the most baskets for his team with 24 points.

"(AMXS) told us in the first half that we (didn't have a chance)," said Mark Forbes, one of Supply's top players, who had to sit out Tuesday's game. "We taught them what it's all about. Next time we play them, if I'm in, I guarantee we'll beat them by at least 20 (points)."

"It was a well-contested game, but in the end (AMXS) came up short," said Corey Roberts, a Supply family member. "They talked a good game, but they didn't play."

The AMXS coach attributes the loss, in part, to a lack of defense.

"We should have been on defense when they were driving," said William Carrington, AMXS coach. "All in all, I think we got out-hustled. But we'll most definitely see them in the playoffs."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Robert Wadley, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (left), and Reggie "Franchise" Jefferson, 16th Supply Squadron, scramble for the ball at an intramural basketball game Tuesday. (above) George Hines, Supply, soars in for two points. (right) Yeta Holloway, Supply, carries the ball home.



Sports briefs

Soccer tryouts

Soccer season begins Sunday in a game against Eglin Air Force Base. Today is the last day for team try-outs. Interested people are encouraged to meet at the softball field behind the main fitness center at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call Raul Martinez at 884-6366 or Yuhan Joseph at 884-3380.

Baseball league play

Okaloosa Men's Baseball League registration begins at 3:30 p.m. March 16 at the Twin Oaks baseball field in Niceville for both the 18- and 30-and-over divisions. The field is located on Highway 85 North, just north of

College Boulevard. League fees are \$130 for under-30 and \$150 for over-30 players. Last day for registration is March 23. For more information, call 864-7529.

Fit Eagle Competition

The Fit Eagle Competition, a fitness battle between squadrons, will be held March 7 at the main fitness center. Units may enter two teams. A team captains' meeting is scheduled Feb. 5 at the center. For more information, call unit sports representatives.

Softball players needed

Men and women are needed for the Hurlburt Field

varsity softball teams. For more information, call the main fitness center at 884-6884.

Intramural paintball

Three-man team intramural paintball season begins Wednesday. For information on joining the competition, call JJ Jones at 884-4097.

Spring sports

Spring intramural sports begin in March and April. People interested in joining a team for soccer, softball and/or volleyball should contact their unit sports representative.